

The DISPATCH is delivered to subscribers... TERMS OF ADVERTISING...

AMUSEMENTS. RICHMOND THEATRE.

THREE NIGHTS ONLY. LAWRENCE, THE GREAT ESCAPE.

WEDNESDAY EVENING, January 1st, 1878.

FRIDAY EVENING, January 3rd, 1878.

Sale of seats commences THURSDAY, December 26th at 9 A. M. at JOHNSTON'S.

THE FIFTH GRAND ANNUAL BALL.

ST. PETER'S CATHOLIC TERTIARY SOCIETY.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT, December 31st, 1878.

WANTS. WANTED TO LEASE SEVERAL...

WANTED, A WOMAN TO COOK.

WANTED, HIS PATIENTS AND OTHERS...

WANTED, OCCUPANTS FOR A SUIT OF ROOMS...

WANTED, BOARDERS AT MRS. WEBB'S...

WANTED, TO SELL OUR CHAINS, ELEGANT RINGS...

LOST, STRAYED, AND FOUND.

LOST, ON THURSDAY, 26th, in going to the fire...

LOST KEYS. - Lost, in going to the fire...

LOST, OF THE SOUTHERN EXPRESS COMPANY...

STRAYED, A SHORT-LEGGED HORSE...

FOR RENT, MODERN IMPROVED STOCK-BROKERS DWELLINGS...

FOR RENT, THREE UPPER ROOMS...

FOR RENT, THAT LARGE AND DESIRABLE STORE...

Richmond Dispatch.

THE CIRCULATION OF THE DISPATCH IS LARGER THAN THE COMBINED CIRCULATION OF ALL THE OTHER DAILY NEWSPAPERS OF THE CITY.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 30, 1878.

(From the Scioto Gazette, Chillicothe, Ohio.)

The Richmond Excursion.

On Friday evening, October 25th, the writer joined the excursion party from Detroit, Mich., and other points in the Northwest, which had left Detroit in the morning, under the supervision of Messrs. Eberhart and Weir.

We were soon under way, and arrived at Portsmouth on time, and were immediately transferred to the steamers Fannie Dugan and Scioto, which were to convey us to Huntington, West Va., the western terminus of the Chesapeake and Ohio roads.

The Scioto having made a bad start from Portsmouth, was late in reaching Huntington, which we did, however, at about 9 o'clock on Saturday morning.

Here we found those who had secured passage on the Dugan quietly waiting in the ball-room, and a special train placed at our disposal by the management of the railroad.

It was soon discovered that our train was to run as an extra and to be entitled to the road, a favor which was duly appreciated.

We left Huntington at 10 o'clock, and were accompanied by some of the most ardent sportsmen of our enjoyment, understandingly of the country through which we were about to pass.

We had with us Mr. Sam. T. DeFord, the northwestern passenger agent of the Chesapeake and Ohio road, at Cincinnati; and Mr. J. H. Dams, the agent at Richmond, who came to Huntington, especially to see to the comfort and pleasure of the excursionists; Mr. Frank Binford, as agent of the Virginia Steamboat Company; and others whose names have escaped us.

These gentlemen furnished all the information, which we were in need of, and which we were to find in an abundance, and of a very satisfactory kind.

The scenery along the line of the road from Huntington to Kanawha Falls is fine, and on either side the hills rise to a fine height, at some points reaching an altitude of 700 feet.

At this season of the year the foliage is splendid in its beauty. As we approached Kanawha Falls we began to get a foretaste of that which was to come in the way of scenery of the wildest kind, and every one became anxious to get a view of the falls and its surroundings.

These falls are not a short distance below the junction of Gauley and New Rivers. Their appearance was a disappointment to many, as they had formed an exaggerated notion of their magnitude. At this point, the mountainous portion of the line, and the scenery was utterly astonished at the grandeur of the panoramic views disclosed to our gaze as we were whirled along.

At a point nine miles east of Kanawha Falls station the road crosses the New River on an iron bridge nearly 700 feet in length, and on the left, towering precipitous above the river, the New River Gorge, which were readily recognized and pointed out to us by Carter Jackson, of this city, who trumped over that country on his way to Ohio in 1838.

As we passed over this portion of the road it became a matter of great interest to all, to see the route of the canal, which was at all accessible to carry a line of railway through such a region. In many places the rocky face of the mountains extended down to the water's edge and towered hundreds of feet perpendicularly upward, and in order to make a road for the canal, these steep hills had to be cut away.

But a few years back and the man who had proposed such a thing would have been considered a subject for a straight-jacket. But this is an age of progress, and the idea was not only conceived, but it is now to be undertaken.

After dinner carriages were taken, and the party made a visit to the fortifications, going over much the same ground as made by the seven friends two days previous, although a much more extended examination was made of the site of the fortification, which was built in 1733 of brick brought from England. It is not much to the credit of the parties having the control of the property that it has been allowed to go to decay.

The party returned to Richmond in the evening, feeling that one of the pleasantest days of their trip to Virginia was their visit to Petersburg, and will ever be held in pleasant memory.

Having captured Richmond and Petersburg, about fifty of the excursionists concluded to retire in good order to their homes, and accordingly left Richmond on Saturday morning, the 27th inst.

Right here occurred another of those evidences of good friendship. The train on which we left ordinarily does not run beyond Covington on Saturday nights, but Mr. DeFord made an arrangement to have the train run to Huntington, and Mr. George Chandler, of this city, who had been a member of the excursion, and who was in charge of the train, telegraphed and had the Scioto made up at Huntington on Sunday and carry us to Portsmouth, thus enabling us to reach home a day sooner, and for which these gentlemen have the thanks of the party.

Leaving Richmond in the morning en route for the night on our way east, we were in the night on our way east. For some distance the land is rolling, but not mountainous; but as we approach Charlottesville we begin to strike the foot-hills of the Blue Ridge. Charlottesville is the seat of the University of Virginia, founded by Thomas Jefferson, and is one of the most beautiful educational institutions. About two miles east of the city, on an eminence, stands Monticello, the home of Thomas Jefferson. A short distance from Charlottesville, the ascent of the Blue Ridge commences, and the towering peaks of the mountains are truly grand. The conductor of the train called our attention to one just after passing Afton Station, which he said was considered the finest on the road.

Staunton was reached for dinner. This is a prominent point on the road, standing as it does at the head of the Shenandoah Valley. It is the seat of several institutions of learning and State asylums. Fourteen miles west of Staunton the highest elevation on the line of the road is reached, being 2,000 feet above tide-water at Richmond.

From Staunton to Covington the scenery is magnificent. Prominent among the many points of beauty are Buffalo Gap, Panther Gap, Clifton Forge Gap, and the Gap at Jackson's river, where it leaves the road and strikes off to the south. Night-talking was in charge, all returning well pleased with the trip, which they can without any hesitation whatever recommend to their friends, feeling that when they tell all they can think of it is interesting they can well say, "that the half has not been told."

We feel that, for our part, we have not done the subject justice, and we extend notice at this time; but there are many points that we propose, from time to time, to elaborate in regard to the road and its importance.

A man who has plenty of thyme - The gardener.

Hunting and Slaying.

BY A WILD BOAR AND CANNED FROM DEATH.

BY A BEAR - FIGHTING A WOUNDED HUNTER.

WEATHER REPORT.

INDICATIONS FOR SUNDAY. - For the Middle States, northerly winds, colder and partly cloudy weather, rising barometer.

For the South Atlantic and East Gulf States, falling barometer, southerly winds, warmer and partly cloudy weather, and numerous rains.

THE WEATHER ON SATURDAY WAS clear, cold, and pleasant.

THERMOMETER SATURDAY: 6 A. M., 23; 9 A. M., 27; noon, 25; 3 P. M., 28; 6 P. M., 24; midnight, 25.

MEAN TEMPERATURE, 26.

LOCAL MATTERS.

THE WEATHER. - The weather continued cold and clear on Saturday, and the boys amused themselves skating on the basin.

The river, although not entirely frozen over, was full of floating ice, and the canal was nearly closed.

Persons from the neighborhood continued their work of gathering ice.

Operations were suspended on the river improvement on account of the floating ice, &c.

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